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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESAULNIER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 7, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK DESAULNIER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

On this morning, Lord, hear our voices as we lift up our prayers to You from the depths of our hearts. We lay our requests before You, appeals that are both simple and serious, of both concern and calamity, known and unknown to the people around us.

And we wait expectantly for Your response—not knowing how or when that will come—but in faith we anticipate Your answer, and with faith we pray we are ready to receive it.

And as You have listened to us, make us attentive to Your wisdom. With ears to hear, may we take note of Your whispers and open ourselves to hear Your divine voice breaking into our lives.

We incline our hearts toward You this day, that You would grant us understanding in all that confounds us. Help us to receive Your guidance as You lead us in the way we should go. And may we thrive on the depth of Your compassion in all that we do and say.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BRANDEN SISCA AND MARTIN MACK, III PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, Montgomery County, Philadelphia, and all of Pennsylvania mourn the tragic loss of two State troopers: Branden Sisca and Martin Mack, III; and a pedestrian, Mr. Reyes Rivera Oliveras, of Allentown. All three were killed by an alleged drunk driver on I-95 near Lincoln Financial Field on March 21.

I want to take a moment to remember State Troopers Branden Sisca and Martin Mack, and their extraordinary lives of service.

From an early age, they both had an incredible drive to serve and were examples of leadership. Branden Sisca, just 29, volunteered for the Trappe Fire Company from the age of 16 and rose to chief. He is survived by his wife, Brittany. They are expecting a baby girl in July.

Martin Mack, just 33, first served as a member of the National Guard. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Stephanie, and father to two daughters, Olivia and Rowan.

It is heartbreaking to lose such extraordinary men so tragically so young. I pray for their families. God bless them. May their memories be a blessing.

AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS BURDENED BY INFLATION

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, thanks to President Biden's disastrous tax-and-spend policies, the American people are now facing the highest levels of inflation in more than 40 years. Americans have seen the effects of inflation in their paychecks, at the gas pumps, and in the grocery stores ever since Joe Biden took office.

The latest Bloomberg report concludes that the average U.S. household will have to earn an extra \$5,000 this year just to keep up with inflation.

Instead of scaling back wasteful government spending, the President's budget calls for the highest sustained spending and taxes in American history. Fanning the flames of inflation with more reckless spending only makes it harder for American families to afford essentials.

Instead, Congress must work to eliminate waste and enable Americans to reclaim control of their money and their lives.

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PASTOR DAVID SMITH AND LADY LINDA SMITH SELFLESSLY SERVE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two Houston-area leaders, Pastor David Smith and his wife, Lady Linda Smith.

Many strong community leaders go unnoticed. They serve silently every day and draw very little attention to themselves, quietly doing their work. Yet through their service, they enrich and improve the lives of everyone around them.

Pastor Smith and Lady Smith are both quiet, everyday heroes who put smiles on faces across the district and particularly in the Eastex/Jensen Freeway community. Through their faith-based work, they spread positivity and hope to countless Houstonians.

They are also very active in community activities and are the lead organizers of the Houston area's annual Jensen Jubilee Fall Festival. Pastor Smith is more like the mayor of the Eastex/Jensen Freeway area.

Pastor Smith and Lady Linda Smith embody the Houston spirit of service, compassion, and volunteerism. I am proud they are my constituents, and I thank them for their selfless community service.

CONGRATULATING HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Huntington High School girls basketball team. The team won the championship title, and they finished their season with a 24-1 record. They are the only team to win in the newly developed AAAA division.

While there is no "I" in team, they were led by Dionna Gray and coached by the legendary Lonnie Lucas, who has devoted 54 years of his life to coaching.

Congratulations for this outstanding accomplishment.

HAPPY 104TH BIRTHDAY TO DAISY MURRAY

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my incredible constituents, Mrs. Daisy Murray, who will be celebrating her 104th birthday on Monday, April 11. Mrs. Murray has been a resident of San Leandro for more than 30 years and has made many wonderful contributions to our East Bay community.

Mrs. Daisy Murray was born in 1919 to a family that was only a few generations removed from slavery, as her grandmother was the daughter of an enslaved person. Mrs. Murray's parents faced racism and violence living in the South, and when they got married, they relocated to Ohio, where Ms. Daisy was born and raised.

I think it was in the mid-1970s, Mrs. Murray founded the Sojourner Truth Manor, the first affordable residency for adults and seniors in the country created by an African-American businesswoman.

I worked very hard on this when I was a student at Mills College, and I remember a woman we called Ms. Dorothy, worked with Mrs. Murray on this. It is still a thriving community, the affordable housing community. It is located in Oakland on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. It still exists to this day, and it has housed generations of adults and seniors in need.

On behalf of the 13th Congressional District of California, I want to thank Mrs. Daisy Murray for her many good works and everything that she has done to enrich our East Bay community. I wish her a happy 104th birthday. Happy birthday, Mrs. Daisy Murray.

WORST INFLATION CRISIS IN 40 YEARS

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, Americans are facing the worst inflation crisis in 40 years because of the Democrats' reckless spending agenda, including President Biden's \$2 trillion bailout bill.

President Biden's new budget deliberately doubles down on that agenda. It spends \$73 trillion over the next 10 years, a 66 percent increase. The President's budget assumes inflation will average 4.7 percent this year. Right now, inflation is 7.9 percent. To hit their target, inflation would have to be 2 percent, starting today, every month for the next 10 years.

Despite ample warning that the President's agenda would fuel the inflation fire, inflation has now risen 8.9 percent since President Biden took office. Hardworking families have already paid a \$3,500 inflation tax last year and are expected to pay a \$5,200 inflation tax this year. The American people can't afford that.

VIRGINIA IS GRATEFUL FOR MARCUS TUCK'S SERVICE

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I stand here to recognize the service of Marcus Tuck of Crewe, Virginia.

During the Korean war, Mr. Tuck served in the United States Army. He

was part of E Company, 223rd Infantry Regiment, 40th Division. He served honorably and dutifully, but for decades, Mr. Tuck never received the medals he was owed, the medals he earned.

This year, my office worked with Mr. Tuck and fought to get Mr. Tuck the medals he rightfully earned nearly 70 years ago. For his brave service to our country, Mr. Tuck earned the Good Conduct Medal. He earned the National Defense Service Medal. He earned the Korean Service Medal with two bronze service stars. He earned the Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, and he earned the United Nations Service Medal.

On behalf of a grateful Seventh District, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our country, I thank Marcus Tuck for his commitment to our beloved Nation. I am humbled to call him a constituent, and I am honored to be able to deliver these physical reminders of his service to him and his family.

I also want to recognize the Crewe Gold Star Memorial VFW Post 7189 for getting Mr. Tuck in touch with our office and for making sure he received the medals and the recognition that had long been deferred.

As an American people, we are stronger when we honor our veterans, remember their stories, and carry onward the torch of their legacy. Thank you for your service, Mr. Tuck.

REMEMBERING ROY NUNNALLY ROBERTS, SR.

(Mr. HICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a great Georgian, a staunch conservative, a lifelong patriot, and a dear friend, Roy Roberts, Sr., from Walton County, Georgia. He was born in Atlanta, December 13, 1940.

He was an incredible athlete, playing basketball for the University of Kentucky, where he was credited as being one of their all-time best defensive players. While at Kentucky, he met Suzanne Polk, and they married in 1963 before putting their roots in Monroe, Georgia.

Roy was very active in his community. He was one of the biggest leaders in the Republican Party, which was his passion. In fact, in 2001, he became the chairman of Walton County Republican Party, which he proudly held that position for 20 years, leading Walton County's GOP to become one of the leading counties in our State.

He was famous for hosting an incredible barbecue every year that drew hundreds of people, and every candidate in the Republican Party really had to be a part of that incredible event.

Georgia lost a giant last week. I and Walton County lost a dear friend. We will miss Roy Roberts tremendously. To his family, we extend our heartfelt prayers and love.